(b) An Indian University academic can import a personal computer for his professional use by obtaining an import licence or Custom Clearance Permit (CCP) through an application to be made to the Import Trade Control Authorities. No import licence would be necessary if the computer is of a type covered by open General licence as specified in para 37 of the Import and Export Policy April 88-March 91. The rate of Customs duty chargeable on personal computers imported as cargo is 35 per cent (basic) plus 45 per cent (auxiliary) plus 15 per cent additional duty calculated on the value of the computer plus basic and auxiliary duty (107 per cent *ad-valorem* total), as per Notification No. 58/88-Customs dated 1.3.88 and 81/89-CE dated 1.3.89.

(c) No, Sir.

Towing away of wrongly parked vehicles by Traffic Police in Delhi

996. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even for nominal wrong parking offences, vehicles are towed away by Traffic Police in Delhi and if so, the total fines levied during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether towing is done by private crane owners and if so, the total payments made to them during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government would permit parking on one side of the roads between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on both sides before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. as is done in most of the countries;

(d) whether it is a fact that on many high traffic roads such as in front of Siri Fort Complex, foot-paths on either side are wider than the roads with dividers; and

(e) whether the foot-paths in many places have been encroached upon by house-owners with impunity in many South Delhi Colonies like Panchsheel Enclave with connivance of officials and if so, what corrective steps are being taken/proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A vehicle cannot be classified as being 'nominally' parked wrong. The wrongly parked vehicles are towed away by the Traffic Police after making due announcements on the public address system. The total compounding fee levied during the last 3 years is as under:—

Year	Rs.
1986	36,24,045/-
1987	29,92,115/-
1988	46,01,030/-

The compounding fee as well as the towing charges are both borne by the violators. The towing charges are paid by the offender to the crane operator through the Traffic Police and the compounding fee is deposited in the Government treasury.

(b) The towing is also carried out by private cranes apart from Government cranes. The total payments made to private crane owners during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Total amount paid Rs.
1986	33,84,435/-
1987	37,98,022/-
1988	42,92,55/-

(c) Parking on one side of the road has already been allowed at some places. Parking on both sides of the road has also been allowed where feasible.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such encroachments have been reported.

Rise in Water level at sea shores

997. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a national integrated research project to study the apprehension regarding rise in water level at sea shores in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the study is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India have initiated a national coordinated research project on:

(i) study of past data on sea level rise due to various natural factors;

(ii) the impacts of possible rise in mean sea level assuming the average rise as predicted by experts.

The studies would be completed in about two year time.

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998. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार देश में वृक्षारोपण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किसानों को किस प्रकार की सहायता दे रही है;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बारे में राज्य सरकारों से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) विकेन्द्रित जन पौधशाला तथा सिन्वी चरागाह विकास की केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित परियोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत किसानों द्वारा किए जा रहे वृक्षारोपण को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। राष्ट्रीय परती भूमि विकास बोर्ड स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों को पौधशाला उगाने तथा किसानों को वृक्षारोपण के लिए भी अनुदान देती है। इसके अतिरिक्त राज्य सरकारों के माध्यम से कार्यान्वित सामाजिक वानिकी कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत मुफ्त या रियायती दर पर पौधवितरण, पौधशालाएं उगाने व वृक्षारोपण हेतु तकनीकी सलाह, प्रशिक्षण तथा विस्तार कार्यकलापों आदि के लिए सहायता दी जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) वनीकरण कार्यक्रम के लिए योजना प्रस्तावों पर प्रत्यक वर्ष विचार किया जाता है। सातवीं योजनावधि के दौरान सामाजिक वानिकी सहित सभी वनीकरण कार्यकलापों के लिए राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों हेतु कुल आबंटन तथा उपलब्धियां नीचे दी गई हैं :

वर्ष	आबंटन (करोड़ रुपयों में)	उपलब्धि (पौध संख्या करोड़ों में)
1985-86	384.94	302.00
1986-87	492.49	352.37
1987-88	540.83	355.11
1988-89	620.00	393.23 (फरवरी, 89 तक)
1989-90	702.00	540.00 (लक्ष्य)